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The Virginia Convention.

The Democratic Convention of the

Commonwealth of Virginia has done

itself and the party at large great

credit in overturning the machine

which has been ruling and running the

State Democracy for several years, and

selecting as standard-bearers in the

impending gubernatorial campaign two

such able and popular young men as

Andrew Jackson Montague and Joseph

E. Willard. The former, who, if he

lives, will be the next Governor of Vir-

ginia, is an ideal political leader. Not

yet forty years of age, he is the

youngest man in the history of the

State to occupy the Executive

Mansion in Richmond. Yet, although

barely on the threshold of middle life,

Mr. Montague is a man of wide expe-

rience, and his years have been filled

with successful accomplishment. Of a

fine old stock, his early youth was a

period of struggles with adversity

which, far from denuding his natural

abilities, or breaking the brave spirit

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those Democrats who believed in the

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the firm establishment of that standard

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strengthen the Democratic party by

attacking Mr. Bryan and the eighty or

ninety per cent of the party who

agreed with him. They should be al-

together content to shake hands over a

bygone issue, and take up earnestly

the questions of the present. There is

plenty of common ground for the De-

mocracy to stand upon, the questions be-

fore us are pressing and important,

and there is no point in playing into

the hands of the opposition by keeping

alive the animosities of the past. Mr.

Barksdale has sounded a keynote

which it is to be hoped may be taken

up in perfect harmony by the Demo-

crats all over the land.

Chandler on the Trusts.

Ex-Senator Chandler strikes out vigorously

at the trusts. In an article

published in the "New York Inde-

pendent," he declares that the charter

of the billion-dollar Steel Trust should

be revoked by the Republican Legislature

which granted it. So it should, but it

will not be done, and nobody knows

that better than the remedy applied

himself. The ex-senator occupies a

very unique place in American politics.

No man in public life more thoroughly

understands the gigantic abuses which

exist, and few have spoken more force-

fully in their condemnation. The

trouble with Mr. Chandler is that no

matter how grave the wrong may be,

and what direful results he believes

will result from its continuance, he is

not willing to resort to the remedy

otherwise than through the instrumen-

tality of the Republican party. Al-

most constantly he is begging of that

party to do right, knowing that the

appeal will be in vain, and supporting

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CHINESE TREATY PORTS.

Information Collected by the Treas-

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In discussing the subject of treaty

ports in China and their relation to busi-

ness, O. P. Austin, Chief of the Treasury

Bureau of Statistics, said this morning:

"The treaty ports are not, as might

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tions are in the interior, some of

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Only thirteen of the twenty-eight cities

classified as treaty ports are upon or im-

mediately adjacent to the coast, and

while most of the remainder are located

upon navigable streams in the interior,

some are not even accessible by water-

ways or land transportation systems

other than the mere carriages or carts.

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